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Dear Ms. Center

I would like a formal opinion on the following tape as to its being used on Public Access on Cable TV. (Tape enclosed)

I have produce more public access shows than anyone in our area, on all different topics from travel with the Stephenson's to fishing shows, church shows, education shows, history shows in fact I help take through 19 new producers just this month.

I contacted Ms. Jackson before the campaign to see if I could continue to do my shows and she said it was OK as long I do not Say "Vote for John Stephenson for State Senator" or openly ask people to elect me to this particular office. Public access is used by all citizens, and is open to all who wish to use this media, including my republican opponent, whose staff has register a complaint with me about this program and has said that I could expect Mr. Roeding are his people to file a complaint with your offices because I used my www.jstephenson.com web site as a place were folks could go for further information about the picnic I am having, which is free open to all parties and all groups. The tapes were speeches from my old campaigns for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Look I have got about two grand for this campaign, my opponent has 80,000 or more and incumbency. I am like a Gnat on his ubiquitous elephant hide, but I guess Goliath thinks he can intimidate me, like he did Mr. Robert Hay into getting out of the race. Think again, this peripatetic gnat, or Gadfly, which is what they called me, is in for the duration win or lose. I do want to obey all the rules so I checked with Ms. Jackson again on May 9th 2000 just to give her the wording on the tape. She again said that was fine, so to go the extra mile I went to the studio and replaced the www.jstephenson.com with www.Godspeaks.com which is another web address of my wife's with the Ten Comandments on it, one of which they would do well to read, is "Thou shall not bear false witness against their neighbor" I shall continue to run the tape with this www.Godspeaks.com until you rule on the original tape for me.

May I also say, that Mr. Draud a republican state representative has a cable show on education. Many of the elected officials or on Monthly shows on Government and other shows produced by both parties. Dave Hatter the Dick Roeding staff person who contacted me about this complaint also has appeared on many shows and mentions his web site regularly. Mr. Dave Hatter who is a Ft. Wright city council person. He is also the Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Telecommunications Board. He is also the developer of the www.dickroeding.com site and serves on his reelection committee. When he called me at the suggestion or agreement with Adam Konig. Who is also on the Telecommunications Board? Also a Republican County Commissioner, to tell me that they; Dick Roeding and his staff planned to file a complaint and that it would be best if I took my www.jstephenson.com site mention off the tape I consider that censorship in the worst form. Sounds like maybe their closer to the definition of a gadfly than I: which is what they called me in a recent article " a person who repeatedly and persistently annoys others with schemes, ideas, demands, request etc." So to make sure that I am not wrong and the world can go on and deal with my challenging the Pharisees would you please view this tape and give me your official opinion so that if I have made a mistake, it has already been corrected by the new tape and if I haven't then I can go back to playing the old tape as it is presented to you fine folks.

I really think our time should be spent debating the issues, like why he voted to raised taxes, and broke his pledge, and voted to double his retirement fund, and failed to take off the auto tax as promised. In fact I would like to challenge him to a weekly debate on all the issues facing Kentuckians on Public Access sit up by a neutral party. This way all the folks in Boone County can find out why they only get back 32 cents of every dollar they send to Frankfort and Kenton County folks can find out why they only get 50 cents on each dollar and we could find out why on the latest projects in this years budget they worked out to give his republican leader in the Senate 401 dollars per person in Cumberland county and only 19 dollars per person in Boone County and even less in Kenton County 14 dollars per person. Thanks to Jim Callahan and the other reps from Campbell County, they received the state average of 73 dollars per person. Thank goodness Northern Kentucky University help their average. This would by great to debate on Public Access; I would like your ruling on this media, which is for free speech, and to give those

without money and opportunity to be heard. Thank you for your time and consideration. Your official opinion will help all access producers in addressing this issue. It will certainly be helpful for my direction in the primary and general election if the good Lord and the people see their way to select me as their Democratic Nominee for the State Senate.

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